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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for treating and/or improving insulin resistance, the method comprising administering to a patient having reduced insulin sensitivity a nutritional and/or pharmaceutical product comprising a composition comprising an acetogenic fiber, wherein the acetogenic fibre is lactulose, ~~earrot-pectin~~, soybean fibre, soy fibre or a mixture thereof.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1 wherein the amount of acetogenic fibres in the composition is in the range of from 0.2 to 90 % by weight, preferably from 0.5 to 50 % by weight, more preferably 0.7 to 30 % by weight, even more preferably 5 to 25 % by weight, most preferred about 7 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, for increasing insulin sensitivity ~~and/or preventing dyslipidemia~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for treating and/or improving insulin resistance which comprises administering an effective amount of a composition comprising ~~acetogenic fibres~~ an acetogenic fibre wherein the acetogenic fibre is lactulose, soybean fibre, soy fibre or a mixture thereof.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 5 wherein the acetogenic fibres are administered in an amount of from 0.1 to 1.5g per kg body weight, preferably from 0.3 to 0.8g per kg body weight, more preferably 0.5g per kg body weight.